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Report of: Community Services Manager
Report to: North Local Area Committee
Date of Decision: 7 July 2022
Subject: Report of North LAC proposed spending 2022-23

Has appropriate consultation been undertaken? Yes No

Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been undertaken? Yes No

If YES, what EIA reference number has it been given? 1201

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

If YES, give details as to whether the exemption applies to the full report / part of the report and/or appendices and complete below:-

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Purpose of Report:

Each Local Area Committee has a £100,000 budget to address local priorities, identified within their respective Community Plans. This report sets out initial details of the proposed spending within this £100,000 budget during the 2022/23 financial year.

Recommendations:

That the North Local Area Committee:

- (i) Notes the proposed anticipated expenditure against the £100,000 budget to address local priorities in the North LAC Community Plan in 2022/23, as detailed in the report, and in particular
- Agrees that a grant of £11,302 be awarded to High Green Development Trust for the development of a youth base
 - Approves a budget of £25,000 for parks improvements
- (ii) To the extent that it is not covered by existing authority, authorises the Community Services Manager to make decisions on expenditure relating to the priorities set out in the report provided that:
- The decision is taken in consultation with the Local Area Committee Chair,
 - The decision may not approve expenditure on any element in excess of the anticipated limit for that element set out in the report, and
 - A report detailing the delegated spending decisions taken by the Community Services Manager is presented to the next Local Area Committee meeting.
- (iii) Agrees the attached action plan as a basis to develop future projects/ activity

Background Papers:

The North Community Plan is published at:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/community-plans/north-local-area-committee.html>

Appendix A: North LAC action plan

Lead Officer to complete:-	
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.
	Finance: Ann Hardy
	Legal: Andrea Simpson
	Equalities: Bashir Khan
<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>	
2	Head of Service who approved submission: Jason Siddall
3	LAC Chair consulted: Cllr Alan Hooper
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated

on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Decision Maker by the Head of Service indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.	
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1. PROPOSAL

1.1 Local Area Committees (LACs) were established by Full Council in May 2021. Their Terms of Reference are set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution and include:

- To agree a Community Plan setting priorities for the area of the committee, monitor delivery of that plan and keep it under review; and
- To make decisions relating to funding as delegated from time to time by the Council to fit with the priorities set out in the Community Plan and following engagement with the community.

Each LAC was allocated an initial budget of £100,000 under an executive decision by the Leader of the Council on 17th August 2021. This money is to be spent in line with the Community Plan. As the Community Plan was not finalised until late in the 2021/22 financial year very little of this budget has been spent across the LACs and it has been carried forward to the current financial year.

To enable decisions to be taken quickly and to respond to emerging issues between Committee meetings, in September 2021 the LAC authorised the Community Services Manager to make decisions on expenditure provided that:

- The decision is taken in consultation with the Local Area Committee Chair;
- Spending is in line with any specific purposes of the allocated budget;
- The decision may not approve expenditure of more than £5,000, and
- A report detailing the delegated spending decisions taken by the Community Services Manager is presented to the next Local Area Committee meeting.

1.2 The North Sheffield Local Area Committee (LAC) developed a Community Plan through consultation with residents, community groups and other stakeholders in North Sheffield.

These consultations have helped identify key priorities within the North area, which will inform actions to take to address issues that matter most to residents. The key priorities highlighted in the Plan are:

- Safer roads and effective transport links
- Clean and attractive environment
- Vibrant community life

At a meeting of the North LAC held on 9 March 2022, the LAC approved

the Community Plan.

The North LAC team has begun to explore potential projects for 2022/23 and propose the following two projects.

1.3 Parks improvements budget: £25,000

This contributes to the priorities of vibrant community life and clean and attractive environment. The budget proposed will enable improvements on a number of sites across the LAC areas.

Preliminary ideas include:

- Improvement to the football area at Wadsley Park Village
- Updated equipment at Grenoside Park
- Updated equipment at Fox Glen park, Deepcar
- Updated equipment at The Rookery, Deepcar

These sites have been identified as priority sites by the Parks and Countryside Service.

If the budget is approved further work will take place to confirm sites and plans, including consultation with ward Members. This will include further discussions with local groups and Town and Parish Councils to explore scope for match funding to increase the scope of what is possible.

There may be occasions when the proposal for an item of expenditure exceeds £5,000 and so would require a decision by the LAC to proceed, but to wait until the next meeting of the LAC would cause undue delay to the project.

To enable decisions to be taken quickly and to deliver priority actions to address specific issues identified in the Plan, it is therefore proposed that, to the extent that it is not already covered by existing authority, the Community Services Manager is authorised to make decisions on expenditure relating to the projects set out as above provided that a decision may not approve expenditure in excess of the anticipated limit for the element in question. This authorisation would be subject to the conditions on consultation with the LAC Chair and expenditure being reported to the next meeting of the LAC set out in paragraph 1.1 above.

1.4 Youth base at High Green Development Trust

The North of Sheffield currently has only one site, at Stocksbridge, for building based, open access youth work. The proposed scheme would develop a youth space in High Green based at the Trust with funding for a club to operate from September 2022 – March 2023.

This would both create additional space for provision and target resources at an area of deprivation within the LAC area.

It is proposed that the LAC awards a grant of £11,302 to High Green Development Trust to develop this provision on the understanding that this will establish the activity and funds from other sources will need to be sought to ensure future provision beyond March 2023.

The costs would be made up of:

- Staffing Lead = £1560 (1 staff £30ph 2 hours per session)
- Staffing Support = £780 (1 staff £15ph 2 hours per session)
- Room Hire = £702 (2 hours per session)
- Food Provision = £260
- Marketing = £250
- Decoration & Furniture = £650
- Gaming & Sound System = £2000
- Music Licence = £100
- Activity Budget = £5000

- 1.5 A number of other areas of work continue to be explored and developed, many of which are expected to cost below the £5000 level that can be approved by the Community Services Manager.

Further detail is set out in the attached action plan, which will be a document that is updated as the year progresses. The LAC is asked to agree the plan as a basis to develop future projects/ activity.

Other potential areas for projects include:

- Individual small highways schemes
- Development of a community information guide
- Digital inclusion events
- School safety work
- Community car scheme pilot

Where any activity takes place under the £5000 spending threshold, this will be reported to the next LAC meeting.

2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?

- 2.1 Local Area Committees directly support the Communities and Neighbourhoods and Our Council commitments in the 'Our Sheffield: One Year Plan' but to be effective they need to have the capability to respond quickly to emerging local issues.

3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?

- 3.1 The Community Plan has been developed through community consultation that has comprised of an online survey through the Council's Citizenspace platform; a paper-based survey for those less digitally-enabled; engagement activity with representative organisations and in-

person meetings.

Partner organisations and Council departments that have been identified as offering potential solutions to some of the issues identified have also been consulted, to establish whether suggestions can be realistically implemented.

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality of Opportunity Implications

4.1.1 Decisions need to consider the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty contained in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

This is the duty to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The Equality Act 2010 identifies the following groups as a protected characteristic: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex and sexual orientation.

The devolution of responsibilities improves inclusion for local people and the work of the Sheffield Equality Partnership will support and enhance the approach from a citywide and underserved communities' perspective.

In developing a Community Plan, local communities have been given the opportunity for a greater say in local decision making for services which impact their daily lives.

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA 1201) has been carried out in relation to the agreeing of the initial projects under the LAC £100K budgets and identifies positive impacts in North LAC across several characteristics.

4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

4.2.1 This report concerns expenditure of the LAC's approved budget of £100,000. This budget must not be exceeded.

Procurement of supplies and/or services and the award of grant aid will be carried out in line with the Council's Contracts Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

4.3 Legal Implications

- 4.3.1 The LAC must operate in accordance with its Terms of Reference, approved as part of the Council's updated Constitution, reflecting the committee system of governance, by Full Council at its Annual Meeting on 18th May 2022. In accordance with the provisions of section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Constitution provides that a Committee may delegate to a Council Officer.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Decisions on any expenditure above the existing authority to the Community Services Manager could be reserved to the LAC but this would delay delivery of priority actions to address specific issues identified in the Community Plan.
- 5.2 All decisions on expenditure to support Community Plan priorities could be delegated to officers. However, this would restrict the LAC's ability to monitor its delegated budget and delivery of the Community Plan.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The North LAC is asked to note the proposed allocation of funding to the projects identified to enable detailed planning to commence and delivery to begin in the coming months.